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Letter dated 25 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit the statement by Philippe Douste-Blazy on behalf of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, and of the High Representative of the European Union.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jean-Marc **de La Sablière**

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Annex

Press statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, Philippe Douste-Blazy, on behalf of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, and the High Representative of the European Union (12 July 2006)

On 1 June 2006 we met in Vienna and agreed on a set of far-reaching proposals as a basis for negotiation with the Islamic Republic of Iran, stressing however that, should the Islamic Republic of Iran decide not to engage, further steps would have to be taken in the Security Council. This offer was delivered to Tehran on 6 June. It includes offers of cooperation in the political, economic and nuclear areas which would be of significant benefit to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Today, five weeks later, we have reviewed the situation on the basis of a report by Javier Solana, who met three times with Mr. Larijani.

The Iranians have given no indication at all that they are ready to engage seriously on the substance of our proposals. The Islamic Republic of Iran has failed to take the steps needed to allow negotiations to begin, specifically the suspension of all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities, as required by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). We express profound disappointment at this situation.

In this context, we have no choice but to return to the Security Council and take forward the process that was suspended two months ago.

We have agreed to seek a Security Council resolution that would make the IAEA-required suspension mandatory.

Should the Islamic Republic of Iran refuse to comply, we will work for the adoption of measures under Chapter VII, Article 41, of the Charter of the United Nations.

Should the Islamic Republic of Iran implement the decisions of IAEA and the Security Council and enter into negotiations, we would be ready to hold back from further action in the Security Council.

We urge the Islamic Republic of Iran once again to respond positively to the substantive proposals we made last month.